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ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS

Draft conclusions by the Chairman

Arrangements for COP 4
(Agenda item 8 (b))

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), noted that as at its sixth session no offer had been received to host the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 4).

2. The SBI took note of the comments expressed by the Parties on the date and venue for COP 4 and decided to recommend the draft decision contained in the annex for adoption by COP 3.

3. The SBI invited any Party considering making an offer to host COP 4 to communicate such proposal to the secretariat before 30 September 1997 so that the secretariat can take it into account in its planning for the Conference.

Calendar of meetings for 1998 - 1999
(Agenda item 8 (c))

4. The SBI took note of the calendar of meetings for 1998 - 1999 proposed by the secretariat which will be kept under review by the Bureau of the COP.

Annex

At its sixth session, the SBI decided to recommend the following draft decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its third session.

The Conference of the Parties,

1. *Recalling* Articles 7.4 and 4.2 (d) and (f) of the Convention,

2. *Decides* that [COP 4 should be held in November 1998]/[COP 4 should take place in early 1999] in Bonn unless a proposal is received from a Party to host the Conference; and

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to initiate the preparations for the Conference.